

Minutes
Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners
Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Kansas City, Missouri

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 9:30am by Board President Dr. Bogue. Board Members in attendance in addition to Dr. Bogue were Drs. Kobuszewski, Layton, and Olson, and Public Member Billie Manderick. Also present were agency staff Dirk Hanson and Cheryl Mermis, as well as Board General Counsel Athena Andaya.

Dr. Bogue recognized and welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their participation.

Billie Manderick made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda, Dr. Kobuszewski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 9:32am the following motion was made by Dr. Layton and seconded by Dr. Olson, 'I move that the Board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of parties involved. We require Dirk Hanson, Cheryl Mermis, and General Counsel Athena Andaya to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Board in their discussion. The Board will reconvene the open meeting in this same location in 30 minutes at 10am.' The motion carried.

At 10am, the Board reconvened its open meeting.

At 10:10am the following motion was made by Dr. Layton and seconded by Dr. Kobuszewski, 'I move that the Board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of parties involved. We require Dirk Hanson, Cheryl Mermis, and General Counsel Athena Andaya to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Board in their discussion. The Board will reconvene the open meeting in this same location in 30 minutes.' The motion carried.

Although the Board ended the executive session at 10:35, it reconvened its open meeting at 10:45am. A motion was made to extend an offer of employment to candidate Martin Singleton. The motion further provided that the offer of employment would expire, if not accepted, in 3 days. The motion was made by Dr. Layton and seconded by Dr. Kobuszewski. The motion carried.

At 11am, the Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened its open meeting at 12:30 pm with Dr. Bogue calling the meeting to order. Dr. Bogue again welcomed the Board Members, agency staff, and Athena Andaya returning from the lunch break; also welcoming new guests Drs. Jay Hedrick, Vern Otte, Mary Sue Painter, Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey, KBVE Litigation Counsel Wes Smith, and AAVSB conference attendees Kim Gemeinhardt, DVM representing the North Carolina Board of Veterinary Examiners and Joyceanne Fick the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners- Public Member from Idaho.

A public forum for non-agenda items was offered. No member of the public had requested to appear and no member of the public was present asking to appear during this public forum.

Dr. Bogue reiterated that there has been no update, from the Governor's office, as to his request to be reappointed to the Board and that there has been no new appointment to his expired term.

Deputy Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey provided copies and a verbal narrative of her 2/4/2013 report, to the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee, on the proposed merger of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners into the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Olson provided an overview of the assignments for the Task Force, which was created following the Board's efforts to stop the implementation of the Executive Reorganization Order during the last Legislative Session. The Task Force was created to study and determine the best location of the state board of veterinary examiners, and for administration efficiency as well as the protection of public safety, health and welfare. A five-member team consisting of representatives from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Veterinary State Boards, a Governor appointment, and the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners have been requested to gather unbiased benchmark comparisons, with other States, on the advantages and disadvantages of the consolidation of a licensing agency with regulatory and enforcement of the veterinary profession into a multifaceted governmental agency. Specifically, 2013 S.B. 171, page 38 provides, "the task force shall establish veterinary licensing agency performance benchmarks; examine and evaluate national data pertaining to the performance of all 50 veterinary state boards and the correlations to agency organizational structures; study and make recommendations for organizational structures and approaches that most optimize the performance of agencies; and develop a specific strategy for the optimization of administrative efficiencies and oversight for the state board of veterinary examiners." The Task Force will be submitting its findings and recommendations in a report to the house committee on appropriations and the senate committee on ways and means during the 2014 regular legislative session.. The Kansas Legislature will then decide the fate of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners. Dr. Olson reported that the next meeting of the Task Force will be Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in Hoxie, Kansas.

After a discussion and on the advice of Counsel, the Board directed agency staff to implement changes to complaint case protocols.

General Counsel Athena Andaya will provide the Board's response to Cowley County Humane Society.

The Board reviewed the agency's FY 2013 expenditures and adjusted budget requests for both FY 2014 and FY 2015.

Dr. Layton made a motion to approve the prior meetings minutes with Billie Manderick seconding the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Olson made a motion to approve enhancements to the agency policy and procedures manual regarding premise inspections on an unannounced basis with Dr. Kobuszewski seconding the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Olson and seconded by Billie Manderick that the new Executive Director and the entire Board interview and hire a new premise inspector. After discussion, Dr. Olson, with permission of the second, withdrew his motion. Dr. Olson made a motion that the new Executive Director and the Search Committee interview and hire new premise inspector. Billie Manderick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Board will be **Friday, November 22, 2013 at the KBVE office in Wamego**. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 4th & 5th, 2014 in Topeka.

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Ray E. Bogue *Dr. Olson*